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JUDGE CLARK'S DISSENT.

Justice Montgomery, of the Supreme court, rendered the decision in the Day case, to which we referred briefly, last week.

There has been no decision by our Supreme court in a long time that had been looked for with so much interest; perhaps, and the decision has been read and studied carefully by the lawyers of the State. Not once have we heard it said that Justice Montgomery's opinion was an able one.

Justice Walter Clark dissented from the opinion of the court and his dissent has been spoken of as a very able paper.

Judge Clark takes Judge Montgomery's own citations and argues ably against him. We have not the space to give the decision and Judge Clark's dissenting opinion, which is much fuller than the decision rendered by Judge Montgomery.

Judge Clark's dissent gives an exhaustive review of the law and decisions bearing on the case, and he has rendered the State good service for which he will receive the gratitude of thousands of his fellow citizens.

The Biblical Recorder in reviewing the case says in part of Justice Montgomery's opinion:

Justice Montgomery denies that the enactment intended to abolish Mr. Day's office succeeds in its purpose. The name is abolished, but the functions remain. A public office is private property; and an officer duly appointed is entitled to his office for the full term, not only entitled to its emoluments and privileges, but to the performance of its duties. In his opinion, that is in the Court's opinion, the duties make the office rather than the pay. And so long as the duties remain the office remains. That is, the Legislature cannot get rid of an officer before the expiration of his term simply by abolishing the office; it must also abrogate its duties.

The object of this ruling of the Court is to prevent measures, not unknown these recent changeable years in our Commonwealth, designed to oust officers of one party whose terms extend over into the day of ascendancy of another party; and that is a good purpose.

Of Justice Clark's dissent it says in part: Justice Clark writes his dissenting opinion as if he were writing a speech. He does not hesitate to strike a note now and then that, sounded from a platform, would bring forth applause.

He argues to the point that the office has been abolished. The Court has said that it was not. He says that it has been, quotes the act abolishing it, declares the power of the Legislature to abolish, and, apparently, quotes Judge Montgomery and Douglas as delivering decisions of the Court in previous cases that sustain his declaration. The shot is well aimed for a layman's eye. He goes on to argue that the character of the management of the Prison has been utterly changed, to wit, from "one man power" to three-men power, and that the change thus made was sought upon grounds of public spirit rather than personal spite, suggesting that the Court is in the attitude of regarding the General Assembly as plotting subterfuge, a suggestion that his fellow Justice, Mr. Furches, regals with considerable feeling. After this he turns to suggest that at most Mr. Day might be entitled to compensation for the balance of his term, but even this is untenable. Office-holders must die with their offices. And finally he declares that the courts cannot enter the legislative department and set aside a law unless it is clearly in conflict with the Constitution; and we have a hint of usurpation.

Of the effects of the opinion the Recorder concludes:

There is a variety of speculations as to the effect of this decision. Indeed, the importance of the matter hinges upon what shall come of it rather than simply upon Mr. Day's tenure. There is confusion at large. The annals of the fifty lawyers in the recent Assembly has received a considerable blow; the statement that the Constitutional Amendment survived their scrutiny does not carry as much weight as it did. We hear that the County School Board will hold over; there are fears that the new election machinery will not hold together; and more than one official is making ready to sue for an office to which his successor has been chosen. The confusion is inevitable; but there is no call for anything more serious; all will be settled in a little while. Whether the effect be limited or sweeping, let all hands go ahead with good courage.

All the baking powders exhibited at the Chicago Fair, except one, were found to contain alum or ammonia. Royal Baking Powder is absolutely pure.

DON'T GIVE UP.

Persons who came from Tillery Tuesday said that Capt. Day came down to the State farms to remove Mess. Dixon and McCaskey who were in charge there. Dixon gave up, but McCaskey refused to do so. He claims his office and holds on. It was said that papers would be secured Wednesday for his ejection.

LIVES OF DISTINGUISHED NORTH CAROLINIANS.

SOME CLIPPINGS FROM THE STATE PRESS AND EXTRACTS FROM THE BOOK.

The Lives of Distinguished North Carolinians is now being delivered to subscribers, and it is a very handsome volume. The printers and binders have done their work well. No more valuable book has ever been published in North Carolina. From the tersely written introduction to the last chapter, containing D. H. Hill's address on "The Old South," the book is full of interest for every student of history. It is in no sense a school book, but is a book for the general reader. The teacher of the history of North Carolina or of the United States will find in this book much valuable assistance.—The Journal of Education.

A MERITORIOUS PUBLICATION.

One of the most laudable works being undertaken in the State at present is that of the North Carolina Publishing Society, of Raleigh, in gathering and putting into practical form the history of the State. It has been said of us as a people that North Carolinians are great on making history, but indifferent to preserving it. There is, alas! too much truth in the assertion. And so it is gratifying to note the work upon which the above named society, composed as it is of some of the best known and most successful business men of Raleigh, have embarked. The object of the society is to perpetuate the lives of distinguished citizens of the State in a permanent form. Its effort is purely historical and educational.—The Henderson Gold Leaf.

The above is the title of a handsome volume recently issued by the North Carolina Publishing Society. W. J. Peele, Esq., of the Raleigh bar, is the author or rather the compiler of the book. The book is made up of sketches and addresses on the lives of some of the foremost men of the State—such men as Macon, Swain, Graham, Pettigrew and others.

We can hope for a new and a really fair history of our State, its men and achievements only as we gather together the lives of its great men and see their power as men transmitted into the lives of the people. History is to a great extent biography, and as we come to know our biography we know what we have done for ourselves and for the nation.

From this point of view, then, the volume before us is of the greatest value as a substantial contribution to our State history; our representative men, our history as it really is, shall be known.

Another value, aside from the historical and biographical, is the intrinsic worth of the contents of the book as literature. The sketches are by great men themselves writing of great men. Each sketch is a finished literary product, and, as such, aside from any interest its subject matter may have, is entitled to a high place in any estimate of the literary productions of the State.—University Record.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement, I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts. per bottle at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s Drug Store.

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JUDGE BATTLE COMPLIMENT-ED.

THE COMMONWEALTH had the pleasure of making observations of Judge Dossey Battle's first service to the State as Judge for this district Criminal court. His first court was held at Halifax and it gave us pleasure to make some favorable comments on his bearing and fine management of his first court. His entire service thus far has met with the same approbation by the public generally; and at the close of his second court in Charlotte a few days ago, a juror paid him the high compliment to say: "He is the most impartial Judge that has ever presided in a Mecklenburg court."

WHEN WILL IT BEGIN?

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We repeat what we have said time and again and what many others have also said repeatedly, that no town can experience any real development until it "makes things," like Charlotte. Then, let us have some kind of new manufactory. If a cotton mill is too big a thing let us have an oil mill; and if an oil mill is too big let us have something smaller. Better manufacture foot mats of shucks and sell them at a small profit than do nothing.

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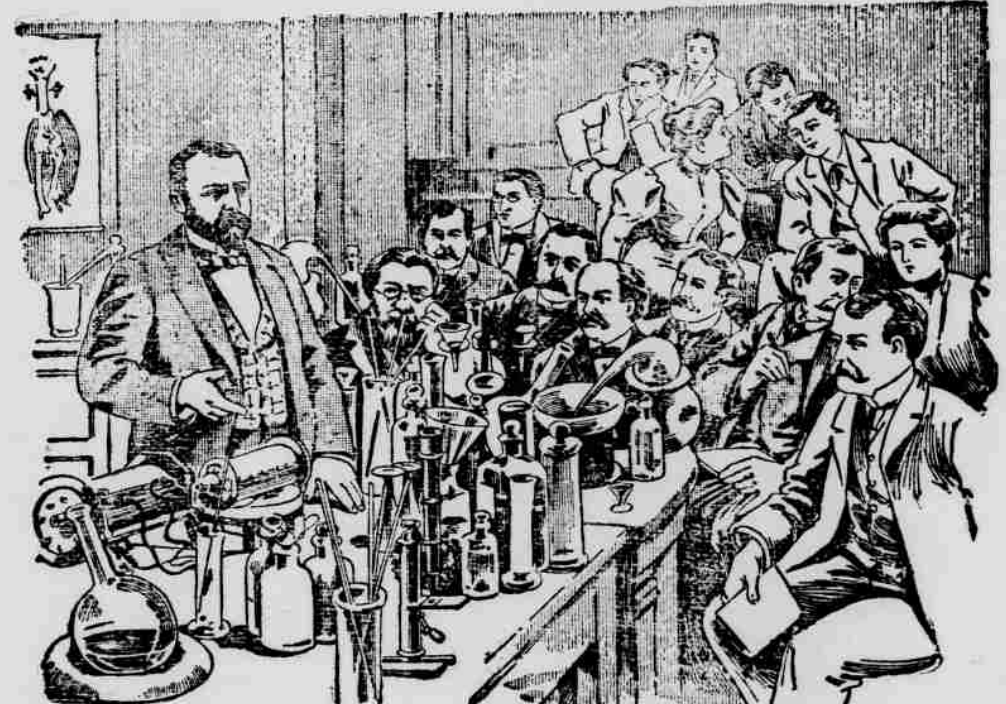
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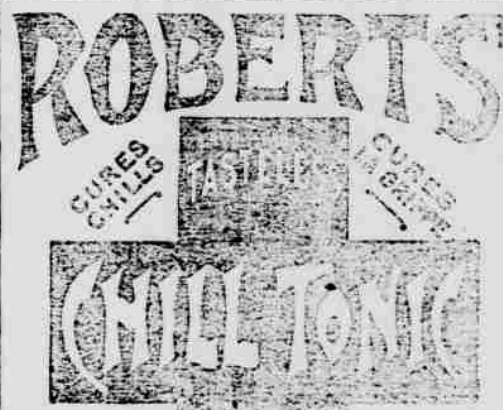
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Gid Johnson
vs.
Ida Johnson.

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Given under my hand and seal of said court, this 7th March, 1899.
STERLING M. GARY,
Clk Supr Court Halifax Co.

NOTICE!

BY virtue of the power vested in me by that mortgage of record in Book 114, at Page 284, of the Register of Deeds office of Halifax County, executed by H. S. Hyman and wife, on the 7th day of June, 1896, I will, on the 13th day of May 1899, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described land, lying in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., to-wit: That land conveyed to Fanny L. Hyman by the Trustees of Vine Hill Academy and beginning on the east side of Main street at W. F. Butterworth's line at a stake 225 feet from the upper corner of the Episcopal church lots, thence up Main street to the old Peabodys line, thence parallel with 13th street 400 feet, thence parallel with Main street to Butterworth's line, thence his line to the beginning, being the place on which said Hyman and wife formerly resided.

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H. H. Arrington 7 acres Mills Smith land, 758
Quinton Jones, 134 acres, pine woods land, 225
Margaret Hawkins, 7 acres, Mills Smith land, 106
Hilbe Clark, 1 town lot, 142
W. M. Evans, 1 town lot, 112
Wm. Smith, 2 acres, 81
Guy Smith, 2 acres, home tract, 113
G. S. Roberson, 1 town lot, 285
Land, 106
Kenneth Smith, 35 acres, Baker land, 236
Anderson Underdew, 10 acres, home tract, 125
C. W. DUNN, Collector.

CONOCANARA TOWNSHIP.

W. H. Cook, 4 acres, 528
F. K. Cameron, 133 acres, pine woods, 350
Mrs. Harriett Atkins, 190 acres, pine woods, 491
Bennett Allsbrook, 25 acres P. W. Buck land, 124
John Fenner, 150 acres, Milkkin land, 425
Daniel Doyereaux, 100 acres, Looking Glass, 614
Marcellus Smith, 400 acres, Cochran land, 1175
W. E. Parks, 1 lot Spring Hill, 592
T. A. Taylor, 100 acres, King land, 255
Walton, Whan & Co., 50 acres Hines land, 25 acres Baker land, 568
30 acres Cochran land, 568
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